

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1616**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: *PURIFICATION AND STABILIZATION OF PEPTIDE AND PROTEIN
PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2007, please consider the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 9, 2007 along with payment of the appropriate fee for a large entity. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Request for Continued Examination and Petition for an Extension of time for one month, up to and including October 9, 2007. Also submitted with this Response is an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Marshall Grant.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$930, the sum of the fee for a large entity for a Request for Continued Examination (\$810) and a one-month extension of time (\$120), to Deposit Account No. 50-3129. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.